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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: BRAVEN, Helen, KEAY, Russell, and FLOWER, Stephen

Title: PROTEASE DETECTION ASSAY

Serial No.: 10/562,290 Filing Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

Examiner: MARTIN, Paul C. Group Art Unit: 1657

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED WITH REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Office action mailed 30<sup>th</sup>  
September, 2008, in the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1)-month extension of time within which to  
respond to the Office action dated September 30, 2008, such extension allowing the  
undersigned until January 30, 2009 to respond.